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FOR HALOGEN-CONTAINING POLYMERS"**

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir,

Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed for this application on July 21, 2003, applicant provides the Examiner with the following documents.

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The following patents and/or documents, copies enclosed, which the Examiner should consider with respect to the above-identified United States Patent Application:

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The EP 0 945 484 A1 reference also listed in the PCT communication has already been considered by the Examiner as indicated by his signature on Form PTO-1449 dated 4/17/03. The Kornbaum references, U. S. Patent Nos. 4,412,897 and 4,616,046 were cited by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed 4/21/03.

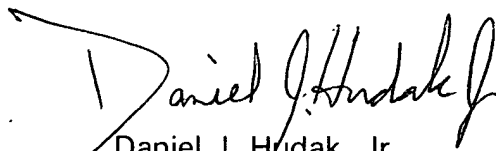
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Respectfully submitted,

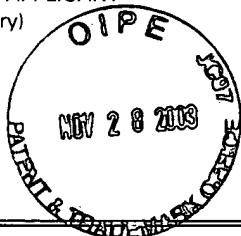
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